

THE BARTON COUNTY DEMOCRAT

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GREAT BEND, KANSAS.

City and County.

R. C. Raily has returned from California.

W. W. Sowards was in yesterday on business.

Will Merritt is in from Buffalo township.

See weather report for 1887, in another column.

Mrs. James Sweet has gone to Kansas City to live.

Capt. J. F. Lewis is the father of a big, brand new boy.

Robert Cummins, of Hoisington, was down Monday.

The family of Dr. Hudson have arrived from Burlington.

Robinson & Sterret commence this year on the cash basis.

Jake Stauffer has a young son very sick with diphtheria.

Elmer Epperson is helping the county clerk this week.

Charley Reeder was down from Clarence Tuesday, trading.

Mrs. L. Baldwin has returned from an extended visit in Pennsylvania.

Captain Hannum is getting ready to put in the new court house vaults.

A child of William Nickelson died of croup, Saturday, and was buried Sunday.

Charles and Albert Kline, of Clarence township, were in the city Monday.

Mis Annie Hannum was home during the holidays, from the Methodist college, at Winfield.

Minnie Benford, who is teaching in district No. 25, was home to see the folks, New Year's day.

Miss Carrie Lightbody, of Ellinwood, has been spending the holidays with friends in the city.

Mayor Carr, of Hoisington, was in city Tuesday on business and taking in the sights of our city.

William Turner and Mrs. Veturia Montgomery were married Monday by Squire Crummack.

Miss Cora Bailey, of La Crosse, Kansas, is in the city visiting with her friends, the Misses Soble.

Hon. H. J. Roetzel was in town Monday in attendance upon the board of county commissioners.

The Mo. Pacific railroad are putting down a well at Hoisington 40 feet deep and 20 feet in diameter.

Superintendent Wolfe reports that the meeting of the State Teachers' Association at Topeka was largely attended, and that he had an excellent time.

M. P. Parker is remodeling his billiard parlor and putting in a new billiard table. When he gets things fixed up he will have one of the finest billiard parlors in the west.

Jas. W. Clarke writes to a friend that he is having a great time sitting around his father's wood fire, at Liberty, Tenn., chewing "long green" and spitting in the fire-place. He will be home about the 18th inst.

Odell & Gannell sold three lots Tuesday morning in Arkansas Town Co. addition, to J. D. Brown. This is the first sale of the year, the beginning of the boom, as it were, and was made by Mr. G. M. Scott.

The Walnut Creek Milling company have issued their annual New Year calander, which for 1888, is a handsome folder, lithographed, and containing appropriate New Years greeting. The calander is a neat and convenient adornment to this office.

The residents and property owners in Riverside addition have presented a petition to the board of county commissioners requesting a rebate of taxes on property in that addition. It appears there is a wrong done the property owners in the matter of assessment, and it is hoped that the commissioners will right it to the best of their ability.

At the last meeting of the Daughters of Rebekah the following officers were installed: Mrs. J. A. Minnis, Noble Grand; Mrs. D. C. Luse, vice Grand; G. W. Thatcher, secretary; Mrs. Joe Truitt, treasurer; Mrs. L. F. Tyler, Warden; C. B. Morgan, Guard. Ed. Tyler, F. S.; Mrs. C. B. Morgan, Chaplain; Miss Annie Minnis, C. A very pleasant time was enjoyed by all who attended.

Johnathan Brinson is down from Beaver township, laying in winter supplies.

C. L. Jones was in from his ranch yesterday afternoon, laying in a stock of provisions.

As spring approaches, and the weather keeps bright, town lots begin to stir the market.

J. C. Horton, wholesale druggist, of Kansas City, an old time-Kansan, is in the city on business.

Get ready for spring house cleaning by laying in a supply of old papers—for sale at this office.

Miss Anna Hannum has been ill for a couple of days, and has not yet returned to Winfield college.

Mrs. and Mrs. Chas. Aylesbury, of Chase, Kansas, spent New Year's with D. B. Palmer and family.

The man out north who has been stealing E. J. Dodge's fence posts will save trouble and costs by calling and settling.

Mrs. George Caraway has resigned the C grammar department in our public schools. Mrs. L. Baldwin will take her place.

Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Dodge left this week for St. Augustine, Florida, via New Orleans, where they intend to remain for a few months.

Mr. Sam Rosenfeld has returned from his eastern pleasure trip. He spent a week in Kansas City, where he says he had more fun than anybody.

Kansas has 406 money order offices, while New York, with five times the population, has only 502. New York should brace up and try prohibition.

C. L. Moses and family returned last night from Quincy, Illinois, where they have been visiting for the past few weeks. Clayt says he is glad to get back.

Tom Moore has returned to Great Bend again. He has been living in Arkansas for some time, but did not like the country, which he says can not compare with this section in any manner.

Mrs. J. F. Tilton has returned from her extended visit to New York and other points. Miss Addie Smith, of New York, accompanied her here. Mr. Tilton stopped off at Kansas City for a day or two.

The editor of the Kendall Boomer advertises hay for sale. This accounts for the hay seed in his hair.—Garden City Sentinel. Yes, got darn it, we have enough hay to feed all the jack asses in western Kansas. Come up.—Kendall Boomer.

Mother—"And if I tell you the story about the Babe in the manger and the wise men from the east, Bobby, will you go to sleep?" Bobby (after studying for a moment)—"No, ma; you tell me the story about Jack the Giant Killer first, and then I'll go to sleep while you're telling about the Babe in the manger."

W. G. Seeley and family returned from Wichita county yesterday. Mr. Seeley left this city last week for his father-in-law's, a few miles from Leoti. He hired a man to drive him from Leoti to his destination, and when they started the weather was very mild and the sky clear; but before they had been on their way an hour a blizzard came up and they could not see to go farther, and took refuge in an old dugout, where they put up their horses and remained nearly 24 hours before they could find their way again. They had plenty of blankets to keep them warm, but they were chilled through as it was.

Vick's Floral Guide.

A silver lining to every cloud! With the short dull days of early winter come the cheery holidays and Vick's beautiful annual, and lo! spring already appears not far distant. We can almost see the greening grass and the blooming flowers. In the way of Catalogue, Vick's Floral Guide is unequalled in artistic appearance, and the edition of each year is surpassed the next. New and beautiful engravings, and the colored plates of flowers, vegetables, and grain, are features for the issue for 1888. It is in itself a treatise on horticulture, and is adapted to the wants of all who are interested in garden or house plants. If you want to know any thing about the garden, see Vick's Floral Guide, price only 10 cents, including a certificate good for 10 cents worth of seed. Published by James Vick, Sedatman, Rochester, N. Y.

ARTIFICIAL EYES.

An Optician Tells Where They Are Made and What They Are Worth.

One-eyed people who can afford it have two glass eyes, one for day, the other for evening use. The reason for this is that the pupil of the eye is smaller in the day time than at night, and hence the two glass eyes are of different sizes, so as to correspond with the natural eye. The price of glass eyes is becoming cheaper on account of competition, and at the same time the quality is better. A common glass eye may be had for ten dollars, but they are not good deceptions and do not last long. A first-class eye costs fifty dollars, or even more. The best will not last over two years, because the secretions in the hollow of the eye roughen the glass by chemical action, and this roughness irritates the flesh. A glass eye, like false teeth, is taken out at night, for it would not be safe to go to sleep with it in the cavity. It might drop out, and the slightest fall would break it. If a person could buy glass eyes at wholesale, by the gross, he could get them for about two dollars apiece. But he would have to look over a great many before finding one to fit and to match his other eye in size, color and expression. Glass eyes are all made abroad, principally in Germany and France, no factory having been started here, although there is a great demand for them in this country. A glass eye is not made after the shape of a natural eye, because when the latter is taken from the cavity the tissues just back of it push forward and leaves but little space. The false eye is therefore elliptical in shape. The outer side preserves the natural form, but the inner side is near flat, with rounded edges. It is slightly larger than the natural eye, so that when inserted in the cavity it may not slip out. At first it irritates the eyelids and the tissues back of the cavity, but the wearer grows accustomed to it, and finds it a rest and a protection. A skillful oculist can put a glass into the cavity so that very close observation is necessary to detect it. Not only are the size and color of the natural eye counterfeited, but even the general expression. The oculist has yet to discover means of giving that sympathetic movement which distinguishes a pair of eyes. There is quite a large number of people with glass eyes, say one in four hundred. You would not know it by casual observation, for the wearer of a glass eye is so sensitive on the subject that he is careful of its actions in public, and he becomes so accustomed to the glass orb that he can prevent all but intimate friends from discovering his defect. Science has done better by him than by the man with the wooden limb.—St. Louis Globe-Democrat.

AN INDIAN SYBARITE.

Life of the King of Outh Amid the Surroundings of Eden.

The death of the last King of Outh deprives Calcutta of a picturesque and almost legendary personage. To the visitor the red and blue roof of his palace, the gardens, stocked with wild beasts and brilliant birds, his innumerable guards and attendants and the tens of thousands of pigeons that were always wheeling above the grounds seemed to embody the fantastic life of native India. The men guarding the doors were all his own sepoys from Cawnpore, and once you had an order to penetrate the charmed circle you passed through a beautiful succession of groves and parterres and miniature grassplots and pleasant terraces. His menagerie fell away of late, but some years back it almost rivaled the famous collection in the London Zoo. In one large space there were buffaloes, goats and deer and ostriches and other great birds. A tank something like one hundred and fifty yards square was covered with storks and pelicans and swans, and had ample well-wooded rambling grounds around it. The smaller birds were sheltered in lofty aviaries. The lions and tigers and wolves and other ferocious animals were, of course, caged, but caged very comfortably.

In another garden a building that looked like a magnificent ant hill was fixed in the center of a large square well, and was carefully surrounded with water. Here the snakes were segregated, and five hundred of them lived in the narrow holes with which the strange building was artificially honeycombed. It used to be one of the great sights of the day to see them fed with frogs. But his pigeons formed the great feature of the King's collection.

"One who knew him" writes that he led a kingly life to the end, though he had not more than seven thousand subjects to govern: "He held court and received regal honors, created titled nobles according to his caprice and traveled over his grounds in a campaign, occupying at different times different country seats, like other Kings." At one time he would watch his animals and his fishes being fed, at another his camps and cocks, and quails, would be brought up to fight before him. He had, we are told, a prevailing passion for order and cleanliness. He prayed five times a day, though he ate only one meal, but from morning till night he chewed pan sopari and smoked the hookah.—Times of India.

The latest discovery is a seven-inch vein of leather polish or shoe-blackening on the farm of M. H. Gladman, just west of Hopkins, Mo. It is found four feet from the surface, and when wet and rubbed on a pair of shoes or leather makes a splendid polish. The find is a curiosity. Nobody knows county has most all the good things of this world, and now can boast of a shoe-blackening mine—the only one in the world.

State Center Statistics.

Monday, December 26th, this community turned out en masse to a masquerade given in the spacious hall, at which is commonly known as State Center. Great skill and taste was displayed in the costumes of several parties, especially the ladies. Two gentlemen dressed as Indians were novel and unique. A drizzling rain set in about 11 o'clock and many went home. The order was somewhat complained of.

Mr. Norris is teaching the State Center school this winter and is giving general satisfaction. His average attendance is high and he has an enrollment of over 30.

Mr. O'Blenness, manager of the Ellinwood Express, was out on the occasion of the masquerade, before alluded to, and was pleased.

H. C. Benke has been in his own neighborhood for two weeks past.

Wm. Quast, the Ellinwood shoemaker, visited his farm and friends generally, at Odin.

Many wolves are reported in this neighborhood. Mr. Riegan has succeeded in dispatching one of the species.

Mr. Elmore teaches the school in district No. 32, known as the Schermerhorn, this term. He also taught in this district last winter.

Elmore Bros. own a hardware store at Claffin.

Mr. A. P. Green has charge of the Odin school the present winter. The school is making rapid progress under his management.

A lyceum has been organized in the Redwing district. The members meet every Thursday night. It must be remarked that the questions have been very ably argued and well selected. Sylvester to-night. Respectfully, H. C. BENKE.

The California Travel.

It has been generally known to the public that during the year past, that the Atchinson Topeka & Santa Fe R. R., was not selling round trip excursion tickets except to Southern California points. Their agents are now authorized to make the announcement that "the short line" is again in the field, and from this time forward is prepared to do ticket excursion business to San Francisco and Portland, Oregon, in addition to Southern California points; allowing the purchaser a choice of any of the different routes, returning to this station or any of the cities upon the Missouri river. Stop over privileges allowed going and coming at any point within the limit of the ticket. Pullman service daily to California, and free tourists sleeping car service upon all main line trains; these berths will be reserved on application. The dates for these excursions are fixed for Dec. 1, 8, 15, 22 and 29th. Tickets limited six months from date of sale. For further information apply to

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and consequently incurable. It is impossible to describe her sufferings. Her body from the crown of her head to the soles of her feet was a mass of decay, masses of flesh rotting off and leaving great cavities. Her fingers festored and three or four nails dropped off at one time. Her limbs contracted by the fearful ulceration, and for several years she did not leave her bed. Her weight was reduced from 125 to 60 lbs. Perhaps some faint idea of her condition can be gleaned from the fact that three pounds of Comoline or ointment were used per week in dressing her sores. Finally the physicians acknowledged their defeat by this Black Wolf, and commended the sufferer to her all-wise Creator.
Her husband hearing wonderful reports of the use of Swift's Specific (S. S. S.), prevailed on her to try it as a last resort. She began its use under protest, but soon found that her system was being relieved of the poison, as the sores assumed a red and healthy color, as though the blood was becoming purified. Mrs. Bailey continued the S. S. S. until last February; every sore was healed; she discarded chair and crutches, and was for the first time in twelve years a well woman. Her husband, Mr. C. A. Bailey, is in business at 273 1/2 Blackstone Street, Boston, and will take pleasure in giving the details of this wonderful cure. Send to us for Treatise on Blood and Skin Diseases, mailed free.
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